

United States Forest Service  
Tonto National Forest

EMERGENCY FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "restricted area"), all within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove. 36 CFR 261.52(a)
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed recreation site. 36 CFR 261.52(d)
3. Operating an internal combustion engine. 36 CFR 261.52(h)
4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52 (i)
5. Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. 36 CFR 261.58(m).

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons or activities are exempt from otherwise applicable prohibitions in this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Campfires using charcoal only, will be allowed in fire grills and grates provided by the Forest Service in developed recreation sites as listed in Exhibit B.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Gas and propane stoves, lanterns or heating devices are permitted provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.
5. Operating or using a motor vehicle, or any other internal combustion engine is allowed on existing roads or trails, or within developed recreation areas so long as the engine has a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order and meeting either USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-1a or appropriate SAE recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).

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6. Residents, owners or lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service special use authorizations within the restricted area, are exempt from prohibition number 1 (building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove) provided such fires are within a permanent structure (e.g. dwelling) and a spark arresting device is in use.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona (Exhibit A).

A list of developed recreation sites excepted from prohibition number 1 is attached hereto and made part of this Order as Exhibit B.

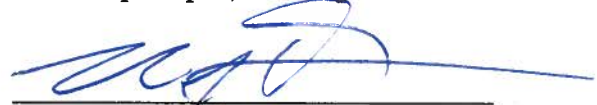
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources and facilities during the current period of severe fire danger.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 8:00 AM on June 8, 2012, and will remain in effect until rescinded or until August 30, 2012, whichever occurs first.
2. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 7th day of June 2012, at Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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EXHIBIT B – DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES EXEMPT FROM PROHIBITION NO.1

Cave Creek Ranger District

**Bartlett Lake Recreation Area**

Bartlett Lake Marina  
Rattlesnake Cove

**Lower Verde Recreation Area**

Needle Rock Day Use Picnic Area

Mesa Ranger District

Saguaro Lake Marina  
Saguaro Del Norte  
Butcher Jones  
Canyon Lake Marina  
Acacia  
Boulder  
Laguna  
Palo Verde  
Granite Reef  
Phon D Sutton  
Coons Bluff  
Goldfield  
Pebble Beach  
Blue Point  
Sheep's Crossing  
Water Users  
Larry Forbis Group Site

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(Exhibit A)

